



Disaster Happens – The Federal Partners

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FEMA Funding in Presidential Disaster Declaration Counties

■ FEMA Public Assistance (PA)

- Only to **repair** “public” facilities that are not eligible for other federal funding
- Available for all presidential disaster declarations
- Pays up to 75%
- M.S. Chapter 12A Natural Disaster; State Assistance – state can pay 25% nonfederal share **via appropriations to MN Department of Public Safety**
- **BWSR Disaster Recovery and Assistance Program (DRAP) grants are not for nonfederal share with FEMA PA**

Federal and State Public Assistance

FEMA (or FHWA?) and State



Lester River, Strand Rd., St. Louis Co., 2012

Street and Sewer: Public Assistance

Car: Insurance (and/or ?)



Duluth, MN 2012



FEMA Funding in Presidential Disaster Declaration Counties

■ FEMA Individual Assistance (IA)

- Only for repair of “private” facilities
- Has not been available for most presidential disaster declarations
- Pays up to 75%
- M.S. Chapter 12A Natural Disaster; State Assistance – state can pay 25% nonfederal share **via appropriations to various state agencies**
- **BWSR DRAP can be used for nonfederal share with FEMA IA for eligible activities, when BWSR receives state disaster appropriation**



NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program

- **Purpose:** respond to natural disasters that cause sudden natural resource impairment of a watershed and pose threat to life or property
- 2 subprograms: **EWP – Recovery; EWP – Floodplain Easement**
- Public & private landowners eligible, if not eligible for other federal \$
- **EWP Recovery** option must have a public sponsor (e.g. city, county, or WD)
- Deadline for local sponsors to request assistance from NRCS State Conservationist is within 60 days after the disaster
- Pays up to 75% (90% in limited-resource areas)



NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program

- Solutions must be cost-effective (e.g. slope stabilization cost < value of house)
- 2 categories of **EWP – Recovery** projects
 - **Exigency** – (a situation demanding swift attention)
 - **Wait-listed** – (not an exigent situation)
- Technical assistance –
- BWSR DRAP can provide 25% nonfederal share in declared disaster counties, if BWSR receives state disaster appropriation
 - SWCDs can require landowners to contribute some match



EWP Exigency Project

EWP Wait-listed Project



Garvin Brook, Minnesota City, 2007



Zumbro River, Kellogg, MN, 2010 - 2012



FSA Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

- **Purpose:** Repair damage to farmlands caused by natural disasters, or severe drought, and return farmland to agricultural production
- **Typical practices –**
 - Up to 75% cost-share (90% for limited resource producers)
 - FSA County Committees set sign-up periods and approve apps up to \$50K
 - BWSR DRAP can provide nonfederal share in declared disaster counties, when BWSR receives state disaster appropriations
 - SWCDs can require landowners to contribute some match

Example ECP Practices

Debris Removal from Ag Fields
and/or Land Shaping



Ag Fence Repair





NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- **Purposes:** Same as for non-disaster locations and periods
- **Program provisions:** Same as usual
- BWSR DRAP can provide nonfederal share in declared disaster counties, when state disaster funding available
 - SWCDs can require landowners to contribute some match



FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- **Purposes:** Stand-alone activities to reduce or eliminate future natural disaster risks to people, structures, or infrastructure (public or private)
- **Typical eligible activities –**
 - Local government sponsor required
 - Potential savings must be greater than cost of the eligible activity
 - Federal funding up to 75%
 - Administered by MN Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt. (HSEM)
 - BWSR DRAP, or DNR Flood Damage Reduction Program can provide nonfederal share for eligible activities, when state funding available



Presenter Transition
